

From: Thomas Duane Inman
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:25 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Thomas Duane Inman (tom@inmangroup.com) writes:

Please vote no on Monday. We need to encourage free enterprise, and free speech. Voting yes will discourage these important American principles.

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From: Tony and Sue Ryan
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:30 PM
Subject: Media Deregulation

Dear Madam:

The notion to loosen the regulation limiting the cross-ownership of media outlets in a given market is a stab in the back of the free dissemination of ideas.

It is a terrible idea. We ask you to vote against it.

Sincerely,

(Mr & Mrs) Anthony H. Ryan
M. Sue Ryan

From: kc cress
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:38 PM
Subject: FCC regulation of ownership of the airwaves

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

Please do not relax the regulation on ownership of multiple media outlets in radio and television. The strength of our democracy depends upon a free and open media. Good capitalism requires genuine competition. The public owns the airwaves, and we need them to be as varied as possible.

Thank you, Eric J. Wallace

From: Letitia Kelley
To: KM KJMWEB, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:48 PM
Subject: Fwd: Media Ownership Rules

>From: tishkelley75@hotmail.com
>To: kjmweb@fcc.gov, mpowell@fcc.gov, kabernat@fcc.gov
>Subject: Media Ownership Rules
>Date: 29 May 2003 19:14:10 -0700
>
>Before you vote on June 2nd to loosen media ownership rules, please take a
>moment to consider what effect such a move will have on program content.
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>We know that television can be profoundly influential in the lives of
>innocent young children. It affects their perceptions, their world-view,
>their attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors. It is also a sad reality that
>children spend more time with the television than at any other activity
>except sleep. But huge mega-conglomerates aren't going to be concerned
>about how the programming they are putting on TV influences these
>impressionable youngsters. -They're only going to be looking at their
>profit margins.
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>Further deregulation will not mean greater opportunity for competition.
>Rather, it will mean the opposite: More control of the airwaves by the few,
>with even less accountability to the market than they demonstrate today.
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>The concept of community standards is alien to the suits in New York. Their
>bottom-line programming philosophy means bottom-of-the-barrel programming,
>and quality be damned.
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>Locally-based station owners know better than network executives in New
>York and Los Angeles what is best for their communities.
>
>I urge you to fully consider what is truly in the public's best interest,
>as opposed to what is in the best interest of a handful of major
>conglomerates. Please do not relax the media ownership rules.
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>Sincerely,
>
>Letitia Kelley

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From: Steven Moschak
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:53 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Ms. Kathleen Q. Abernathy

I am writing to you to protest the proposed changes in the Broadcast Ownership Rules. If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations. Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by media companies that would have the power to decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor. This is patently un-American.

The FCC, controlled by five unelected officials, has conducted its decision-making process with only one public hearing and very little time for the public to react. This is not the correct way to do things. Open debate and sufficient time must be allowed before such drastic changes should be implemented.

Thank you.

Steven Moschak

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From: Barbara Brozik
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 7:56 PM
Subject: vote no...

Ms. Abernathy: Please vote against any further deregulation of the multiple ownership rules. we, the public want to see more diversity, not less, in our media. we do not want to see just a few people owning the sources of our news and information. please vote for democracy in the media.

thanks,

barbara brozik

scozik@mindspring.com

From: John Miller
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:00 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

To whom it may concern:

Monopolies for the most part are a bad idea. A monopoly of the media is a real bad idea at best.

I ask you to leave the broadcast ownership rules as they are. The proposed changes would pave the way for large media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio, television, and newspaper information. Communities across our nation would only receive the viewpoints of the controlling corporation. Americans deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of democracy and our freedom to information, I ask you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that exist. These decade old rules have helped this country to have healthy political debates.

Sincerely,.

John H. Miller, Sr.
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From: JANZIL@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:02 PM
Subject: FCC re changing rules

I wish to express my concern about the proposed changing of the FCC rules regarding ownership of media outlets. I am hopeful you will see fit to postpone this vote by the FCC until after further study and consideration of the importance of this decision.

Thank you for your consideration of my appeal.

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From: Richard C. Balhorn
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:02 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Please, no more media consolidation.

From: Clare Smith
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:08 PM
Subject: loosening of media ownership laws

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

We are strongly opposed to the loosening of U.S. media ownership laws. In the interest of our nation and its democracy you should reschedule consideration of the proposed deregulation from June 2 to a later date in order to allow more time for the expression of public opinion.

Sincerely, William and Clare Smith

From: Ann L Havay
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:08 PM
Subject: Please protect the public interest

As we just celebrated Memorial Day and our Freedoms. Please vote to keep the airwaves free from more corporate influence.
Thanks, Ann

From: James Mewhirter
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:13 PM
Subject: Strengthen Regulations, PLEASE

We need greater diversity options in the media, and more debate on critical issues. Don't let one point of view dominate a market. Strengthen regulations rather than deregulate, to insure same.
Martha Mewhirter

--- James Mewhirter
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From: Pete
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:18 PM
Subject: We SUPPORT Chairman Powell's Position Because We Support DIVERSITY

Chairman Powell:

We SUPPORT your position, Mr. Chairman, on tomorrow's proposed rule changes!

The only diversity that really counts is intellectual diversity, and your position would promote intellectual diversity while others are sidetracked by peripheral issues.

Respectfully,

Meredith A. Weaver, Esq.
Altoona, PA

CC: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy

From: Terry Taylor
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:23 PM
Subject: Against current move to allow more communications monopolies

Dear Commissioners:

My husband and I are very much against the current political move to loosen FCC restrictions and allow communication media to form giant, controlling entities, and thereby drastically chipping away at our first amendment rights and our abilities as Americans to hear all points of view. Please oppose this move.

Thank you,
Terry and Gary Taylor
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From: robert walker
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:27 PM
Subject: Tuesday's Vote

Ms Abernathy:

Listen to the overwhelming majority of the American People. The airwaves belong to us, and we do not want them further consolidated in the hands of a few.

Do the right thing, not the corporate-dictated thing. Vote against this insidious expansion of mega-corporate control over free speech. You will be a hero.

Robert B. Walker

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From: brumleyj
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:28 PM
Subject: vote against media conglomerates

Greetings. I am writing to urge the FCC not to allow relaxation of rules governing media ownership. Giant media companies should not be permitted to get bigger; already they limit the variety of news/information sources available to consumers. Thank you.

Jeff Brumley
Fort Pierce, Florida

From: MARKLEEN@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:28 PM
Subject: Proposed Changes to the FCC Broadcast Ownership Rules

June 1, 2003

The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed changes to the current FCC Broadcast Ownership Rules.

I urge you to vote against the proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Spezia

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From: mattie gadsby
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:30 PM
Subject: FCC regulation

More consolidation of media ownership is not a good idea. The airwaves are public domain. Please use your oversight power so that it does not become more of a monopoly.

Mattie Gadsby
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From: Alverda LaLonde
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:36 PM
Subject: June 2, 2003 Meeting - NO FURTHER DEREGULATION!

I understand that you meet tomorrow, June 2, 2003, for the purpose of a Biennial Regulatory Review of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

I had the fortunate opportunity to view a recent committee hearing and testimony on this matter, which was aired by C-Span. After giving the hearing my close attention, I am convinced that you will be committing an unspeakable act if you (as members of the FCC) ignore the public good, and allow large national media companies to control even more local television stations -- or allow cross ownership of a television station and a newspaper in the same market. We are already under a strangle-hold!

Further, as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, I am very concerned by what we are already receiving from the media under EXISTING regulations. Current programs suggest to me that there is ALREADY a monopolistic thrust in the message and content being fed to us under existing regulation. THIS POWER SHOULD NOT BE EXPANDED.

Your job is to protect our public interests -- NOT media corporate economic interests.

I am not some part of a public poll -- I AM PART OF THE PUBLIC VOICE -- WITH A VOTE IN 2004!

DO NOT FURTHER DEREGULATE MEDIA OWNERSHIP!

Alverda LaLonde
Sanford, Michigan

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From: al and sue hunter
To: al and sue hunter, Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:49 PM
Subject: Re. America's greatest treasure

Michael

Watched you on TV this morning.

Please, please, please sleep on it tonight and change your mind.

The networks have ALL proven that they are unworthy of any air time, radio or TV. The movement should be to retrain their access.

To increase their louché monopoly would possibly be the most dangerous decision made by anyone, anywhere in the world.

Do not do it. Please do not do it.

al Hunter

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----- Original Message -----

From: al and sue hunter
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Cc: kabernat@fcc.gov ; kjmweb@feegov
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2003 4:16 PM
Subject: America's greatest treasure

Michael, Kathleen, and Kevin.....

There is nothing more important that you could do in your tenure on the FCC than to vote against the recommendation to expand ownership of media and decrease diversity and increase cretinism in America.

Please, please, please, reconsider your public statements that make very little sense, if we are to dig ourselves out of the mediocrity in media that we have arrived at during the unfortunate past decades.

The large corporations have catered to the lowest common denominator in their programming, and with respect to news have declined to give any coverage, analysis, or depth to virtually anything that they do. There is no taste in networks such as FOX who all should be required to relinquish their licenses because that offer nothing of social redemption. Surely you agree.

We know not where our salvation will come from, but these companies have no track record of responsibility.

There are faint hope on the radar. NPR gets better every day. Seaspn offers more and more quality bredth and depth. PBS has suddenly found courage and is striking out on their own bravely.

If you just look at what cable and the sattelite offer, you could only conclude that they have FAILED totally measured against all expectations.

I do not mean to sound polemic, and I know that you are receiving many letters and e-mails. You have a responsibility, maybe even more grave than that of the president, as by turning back the clock you can help America move forward.

It is a travesty to think that a newspaper owning a TV station in the same town will be a positive event, this is the opposite of free enterprise, but only a license to gouge obscene profits out of a defenceless public.

I urge you to promote a decentralization of media ownership immediately.

Thanks for reading this and consideration.

Al Hunter

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, kjmweb@feegov.fcc.gov

From: heineman@mail.utexas.edu
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, heineman@mail.utexas.edu
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:12 AM
Subject: Please don't supersize mediums

Dear Commissioners,

I seldom bother to write to protest governmental changes. I am politically apathetic as a rule. However, I feel very strongly about this decision. If anything, the media is already in the hands of too few people. Clear Channel is a telling example of the sort of banality that can result when the media is controlled by one organization, and that is only a single media, of a sort that lacks the sway of television and the newspapers in swaying public opinion. The free press is a vital part of democracy, and risking it is absurd.

I'm no conspiracy theorist, and I think anyone who thinks that the consolidation of the media is a conspiracy is pretty much an idiot. Most people aren't evil. And I'm sure that all of you think you're doing the right thing. But freedom is, as they say, always on the edge of a slippery slope. America is the greatest democracy the world has ever known. And it is strong, strong enough that it won't be this generation that sees us fall prey to despotism, or even the next. But every political decision that limits diversity of opinion, every act of censorship, either legal or corporate, weakens us, and even America can only take so many hits before it falls.

I know that you don't read all the crap you get in the email. I know that even if you read this, my opinion wouldn't matter one whit to you...you already know all the facts much better than me. I even know that if I somehow did change anyone's mind, they would still probably vote the way they had said, because nobody wants to say they'll vote one thing, then vote another. That's downright rude, and nobody in Washington wants to be rude. So I know there's no real point to this email.

I just want to be able to say, "I told you so," seventy years from now.

Sincerely,
Rick Heineman

From: Toppin@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 1:22 AM
Subject: MB Docket No. 02-277 et al.

June 1, 2003

Commissioner Michael J. Copps,
Federal Communications Commission

RE: MB Docket No. 02-277 - 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review - Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996;

MM Docket No. 01-235 - Cross-Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers;

MM Docket No. 01-317 - Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets

As Chairman of Citizens Equal Rights Alliance (CERA), a national alliance of local and regional community education and action organizations, I write this eleventh hour plea that you and your colleagues gravely consider the net effect of decisions to be made on June 2, 2003. CERA opposes any further cross-media ownership that results in the following:

1. Unmanned radio stations across the country, unable to notify local and regional citizens regarding impending natural disaster or terrorist attacks;
2. Reduced or no ability for citizens to access and express public opinion using local media resources;
3. A monopoly or oligopoly of media resources positioned to shape, slant and propound one point of view, while simultaneously preventing reasonable debate or counterpoint information.

I note with some irony the substantial efforts made by the FCC to alert the general public as to precautions taken to protect FCC headquarters during "High" homeland security alert. This effort to protect one single building in Washington D.C. is prominent on the FCC website. Yet now, the FCC, by administrative fiat, is poised to undo existing early warning systems across Rural America, by facilitating monopolistic treatment of media resources whose primary purpose should be to serve public interest, let alone public safety. The FCC must not, in decisions made on June 2, 2003, lay bare any ability to notify the general public in local and regional areas, to protect THEIR buildings, businesses, homes and families.

Stifling public forum and debate is sufficient reason to rethink any further conglomeration of media resources; actual public safety arising from natural disasters and terrorist attack should be sufficient cause to suspend any further discussion on this matter.

Allowing mega-conglomerates to realize cost efficiencies by reducing or removing live personnel from regional radio, television and print resources portends an enormous public safety risk and long-term costs associated with loss of life for lack of timely homeland security information.

For a federal agency charged with protecting the public interest, the general public is hard pressed to locate any useful information on the FCC website, regarding a decision you may make on June 2, 2003 that will affect the lives of literally millions of Americans.

We believe that the near absence of public discussion or information on this pending FCC action, within mainstream media right NOW, is the best evidence of the folly of facilitating further mergers. Those who stand to gain by further mergers are the very entities currently stifling public discussion on this FCC matter of critical public import.

We would strongly encourage the FCC to deny, delay or at least substantially postpone an obvious economic decision, to afford time to consider public safety and public interest economics that will surely bring costly unintended consequences of any hasty decisions made by the FCC on June 2, 2003.

Sincerely,

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From: Tpuppy1@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 2:31 AM
Subject: re: media monopolies

There is no reason to relax laws meant to protect the public from a concentration of media control. Laws that were put in place years ago have served us well. You simply do not appreciate the power that a closely held media power can wield when it is unchecked. Wars have been fought on the basis of media spin before-this is not a trivial matter.

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Mitch Besser
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 2:53 AM
Subject: Money

Hey Guys,

I heard it's likely you will loosen restrictions on corporate ownership of the media. I hope you got a lot of money for selling the US citizens down the river. If you ever need any help in the future, give me a call. I'll be sure to hang up on you promptly.

Mitch

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From: Roni Bourque
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 3:10 AM
Subject: THANK YOU FOR NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THE INFORMATION AND A FORUM.
HOPE YOUR EFFORTS PAY OFF AND THAT ABERNATHY, POWELL AND MARTIN DO THE
RIGHT THING AND VOTE NO.

From: Den10447@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:39 AM
Subject: FCC Ruling

It would be a major mistake to allow the further consolidation of information "under one roof" in this country. Please do not allow the control of media to be controlled by one or two sources. It denies a basic premise of freedom...that everyone has the right of expression, not just those who have the money and power to buy up the means of expression.

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From: Jan Morales
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:45 AM
Subject: What about the American people?

This entire drive to loosen media ownership rules is meant to benefit corporate interests alone. Chairman Powell is selling out the American people. He should be ashamed of himself. Only Commissioners Copps and Adelstein seem to care about us.

I am writing because I have to, not because I think Powell can be stopped. Powell knows exactly what he's doing any nothing short of his removal will stop him. You're a crook, Powell.

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From: RClark5444@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:36 AM
Subject: Regulatory Hearing

Mr. Copps,

I understand that tomorrow you are holding a regulatory review hearing on allowing the cross ownership of broadcast stations and newspapers.

Personally, I can't see anything positive coming out of a change to the current regulation that limits this ownership.

I am certainly not going to lecture you on the influence the media has on the individual, you are well aware of that. It is fairly obvious that newspapers owned by Murdoch, are fairly standard in their approach and tone. The same is true of networks owned by Turner. This carries over into radio as well.

I am not into conspiratorial theory. However, as the old adage says, power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely. Putting all media into a limited number of hands is opening a can of worms. History has proven that the best way to limit diversity and to take control over large groups of people, is to direct the media.

Personally, I believe too many men and women have died and put themselves in harms way, to allow this country to live with the freedoms that we have. I think it would be a slap in all of their faces to make regulations that would negate all they have done.

Respectfully,
Cathy Clark
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